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WEATHER The week ending December I was dry and seasonably cool. Measurable amounts of precipitation were confined mainly to the southeast quarter of the State, where weekly totals were generally under one-third inch. Maxima were mostly in the 35-50 degree range, which caused melting of the snow cover in most sections.

Arctic air rushed across the State on the 2nd, dropping afternoon temperatures from the 40's and 50's to the teens and 20's in the matter of a few hours. Daytime highs on the 3rd were mostly in the teens. Some snow fell in the Panhandle on the 3rd.

CROPS Harvesting conditions improved last week and harvest resumed statewide. Harvest of corn was the main activity. Fields were frozen during the mornings, but muddy conditions generally prevailed during the afternoons, slowing or stopping harvesting operations.

Corn harvest is 60% complete compared with 97% last year. Harvest resumed in all areas with yields very good and field losses have been less than expected earlier. Grain harvested last week averaged 22% moisture, and corn drying facilities are running at maximum capacity to keep up with the harvest. More than 200 million bushels of corn remain in the field.

Sorghum harvest advanced to 72% completed compared with 98% last year. Harvest is slow and presenting more problems than corn. Most remaining sorghum is severely lodged, and harvest success is dependent upon the type of harvesting equipment available. Nearly 40 million bushels of sorghum remain to be harvested.

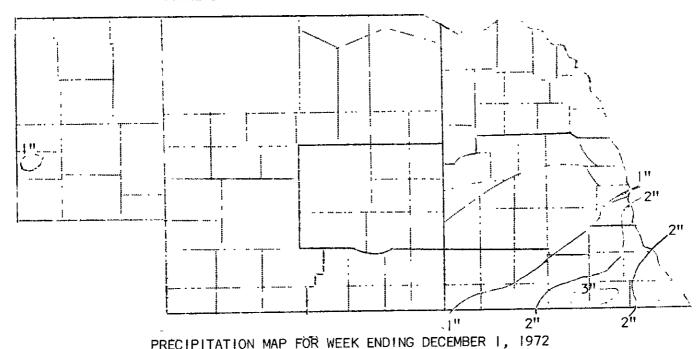
Soybean harvest made limited progress and is now 92% complete. Approximately 2 million bushels remain unharvested. Some sugar beets were dug in the western areas last week, and a small acreage is not yet harvested.

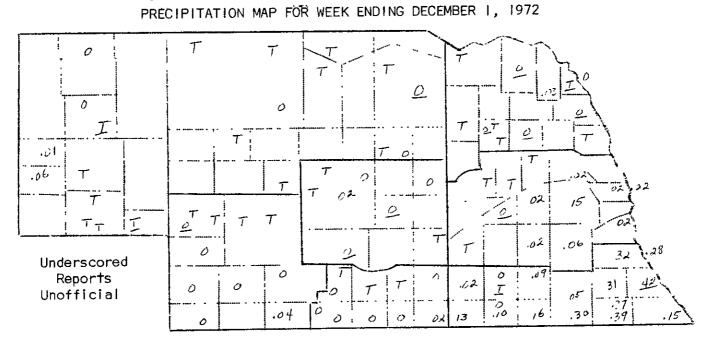
Winter wheat is in good condition with a partial snow cover.

 $\frac{ \mbox{LIVESTOCK}}{\mbox{fields become available, more livestock are turned into the fields to glean crop residues.}$

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING 12/3/72

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		West	
Grand Island	Т	Burwell	Т	Chadron	.02
Lincoin	Т	North Platte	Т	Imperial	т
Norfolk	0	Valentine	Т	Scottsbluff	.03
Omaha	0			Sidney	.02
Sioux City	0				





HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Daytime highs, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Nighttime lows, 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., CST)

		Nove	mber			J				Dece	mber				
		27th		28th	I	29†h		30†h		Ist		2nd		3rd	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	MIn	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	35	20	32	9	39	26	48	36	58	36	46	7	9	5
1 417	Scottsbluff	34	18	31	10	38	22	45	40	54	30	61	10	13	9
	Sidney	31	11	30	13	36	22	39	33	54	32	58	9	15	7
NC	Burwell	37	20	41	13	39	22	42	33	53	16		4	13	
,,,	Valentine	35	15	37	13	39	22	41	30	44	34	38	4	7	
NE	Norfolk	34	20	39	16	42	27	43	36	45	28	44	6	11	4
110	Sioux City	36	19	39	20	44	24	4 I	32	45	28	40	9	12	4
CEN	Grand Island	37	22	39	18	40	27	45	36	55	36	55	10	14	
EC	Lincoln	40	20	43	24	43	25	44	38	56	32	60	10	18	7
LC	Omaha	41	20	38	26	42	27	41	35	49	32	52	8	15	3
CM	mperial	34		34	8	35	24	41	31	51	25	54	10	12	8
SW	North Platte	35	15	33	12	35	19	40	34	51	28	57	7	13	6
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